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BEACH ADVISORY

The Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR) announces that the Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program, which evaluates weekly water quality at popular swimming beaches throughout the Territory by sampling for Enterococci, Bacteria and Turbidity, which is a measure of water clarity, advises the public of the following:

DPNR performed water quality analysis at 16 designated beaches throughout the Territory during the week of December 13 – December 17, 2021. The following beaches meet water quality standards and are considered safe for swimming and fishing:

St. Thomas		
Lindbergh Bay	Sapphire Beach	Lindqvist Beach
Brewer's Bay	Vessup Bay	Coki Point
Frenchman's Bay	Secret Harbor	Bluebeard's Beach
Magen's Bay	Hull Bay	Bolongo Bay
Limetree Bay	Morningstar	Water Bay

Water Island	
Honeymoon Beach	

Please note: Samples were not collected on St. Croix and St. John. Therefore, the water quality on these two islands is unknown.

All persons should be aware that storm water runoff may also contain contaminants or pollutants harmful to human health, and therefore, should avoid areas of storm water runoff (i.e., guts, puddles, and drainage basins) or any area that appears discolored or has foul odors. DPNR will continue to monitor impacted areas and waters.

For additional information regarding water quality call the Division of Environmental Protection at 773-1082 in St. Croix or 774-3320 in St. Thomas.